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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: April 13, 2005 1:00 pm
Date/Time of Occurrence: April 12, 2005 2:20 pm
Nature of Call: Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Methamphetamine
Location of Call: 8645 Rainbow Ave, Kings Beach
Case Number: 05-5499
Released by: Lt. John Addoms (530) 581-6315

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On April 12th at about 2:40 pm, Placer County Sheriff's deputies arrested Charmaine Patricia Leorna, 42, of Kings Beach for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Possession and Use of Methamphetamine, and Battery against the victim, her sister and neighbor.

Allegedly, Leorna got into a confrontation with the victim on the suspect's front porch. The suspect picked up a pitchfork and threw it, tines first, at her sister; it landed 10-15 feet from the victim. The victim picked up the pitchfork and Leorna grabbed it. The victim was able to wrestle the pitchfork from the suspect and the victim threw it over the fence. The suspect then armed herself with an axe and allegedly swung it toward the victim's head, missing it by inches. The victim was able to grab the axe and, again, wrestled it from the suspect and threw it over the fence. The suspect then grabbed a cement lawn ornament and threw it at the victim, hitting the victim's foot. Leorna allegedly knocked the victim to the ground and hit, scratched, and bit her sister. The victim ultimately was able to get away from the suspect and call 911.



Charmaine Patricia Leorna

At the scene, deputies located and seized the weapons and arrested Leorna. The victim suffered minor injuries and did not require emergency medical assistance.

Leorna was booked in the Placer County Jail on the above charges. Placer County Court Commissioner Trilla Bahrke was briefed on the allegations and set bail at \$150,000. Leorna is scheduled for arraignment in the Jail Courtroom in Auburn on April 14th at 1:00 pm.

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